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TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IHRC
RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE INVITATION.

1. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION FURNISHED DEPARTMENT A COPY
OF OAS INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESPONSE TO
ARGENTINE INVITATION.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT, THE COM-
MISSION'S REPLY SET OUT A LIST OF QUESTIONS REGARDING
THE CONDITIONS OF THE VISIT.

A) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS
INTERVIEW FREELY AND PRIVATELY PERSONS, GROUPS AND
ENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONS?

B) WOULD ARGENTINA BE DISPOSED TO GRANT GUARANTEES TO ALL
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WHO FURNISH INFORMATION, TESTIMONIES OR PROOFS OF WHATEVER
CHARACTER?

C) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TRAVEL
FREELY THROUGH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH OFFICIAL
DOCUMENTATION FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

D) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION HAVE
ACCESS TO JAILS AND ALL OTHER DETENTION SITES AND
WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW PRIVATELY PERSONS
DETAINED OR IMPRISONED?

E) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GRANT THE SPECIAL
COMMISSION WHATEVER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION, RELATED
TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT WOULD BE
CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THEIR REPORT?

F) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION UTILIZE WHATEVER MEANS
APPROPRIATE TO COLLECT RECORDS AND REPRODUCE THE
INFORMATION THAT IT CONSIDERS OPPORTUNE?

G) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GIVE GUARANTEES AND
FACILITIES WITH REFERENCE TO LETTERS D, H AND I OF
RESOLUTION CONCERNING ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
COMMISSION?

3. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT IT HAS APPLIED THE SAME
RULES IN ALL OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH IT HAS VISITED, AND
ASKED FOR AN ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION
ASAP OR, IN ANY CASE, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 WHEN IT
WILL BEGIN A NEW SESSION. VANCE

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